



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 3.15.18

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the March 13, 2018 regularly scheduled meetings are provided below.



March 13, 2018 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Recognizing Earth Hour on March 24th and Earth Day on April 22nd – Brownie Troop 6025 took the pledge to observe Earth Hour on Saturday, March 24th from 8:30pm-9:30pm. You can join in on the pledge too! To participate, simply turn off all non-essential lights in your household - the City will also be turning the lights off on the Pier. Stating the quote, "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors – we borrow it from children," Mayor Jeff Duclos highlighted the importance of safeguarding the future of the Earth and preserving the world's natural resources for our children.

First Reading – Adoption of Ordinance to Regulate Pedicab Operations – City Council unanimously approved an ordinance to

authorize only three-wheeled pedicabs to operate within the City. A second reading of this item is scheduled to return at the City Council meeting on March 27th with the following modifications:

- The ordinance will include a provision to explicitly prohibit sound amplification equipment on pedicabs.
- The provision regarding time limitations on pedicab operations will be removed.

Letter Opposing the Use of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF) at the Torrance Refinery– After hearing from over thirty public commenters, City Council took action to approve submittal of a letter to the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), which is currently considering new rules for refineries using Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF), to oppose the use of MHF at the Torrance Refinery Company. With staff's recommendation, City Council also urged SCAQMD to adopt rules that would phase out the use of MHF within 4 years.

8th Street Improvements Project Update – A status report was provided to City Council on the 8th Street Improvement Project, and Council has directed staff to move forward with the completion of the project's design phase implementing a four-foot-wide sidewalk path along 8th Street from Hermosa Avenue to Valley Drive. A community workshop is scheduled to be conducted in the month of April with specific details to be announced at a later date.

Vacancies on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC) – Two terms on the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission are set to expire May 31, 2018. City Council has directed staff to return with a discussion item examining the role of this commission and to not advertise the vacancies for EPAC at this time.

Other Matters – To close out the meeting, Council directed staff to bring back agenda items at a future City Council meeting on the topic of the West Basin's desalination plant Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and to prepare comments on behalf of the City.

**CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ON MONDAY MARCH 19, 2018.
THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018**

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